



STAFF REPORT

SUBMITTED BY: Chris Frotten

DATE: April 6, 2020

SUBJECT: Furniture Disposal Fees

ORIGIN

In recent years, we have experienced an increased quantity of furniture at our C&D landfill. Due to the increased quantity and substantial cost to the Municipality, we decided to investigate the issue further.

BACKGROUND

At this time, we do not charge any resident or business within the Town or Municipality to dispose of their furniture. We receive, on average, approximately 100 tonnes of furniture per year.

DISCUSSION

Waste management and disposal is one of the most important and costly service to our residents. Our C&D landfill is no different but there needs to be a balance between the public benefit and the financial burden.

First, only a small portion of the furniture disposed of at the landfill is residential. The remaining amount is from commercial. Therefore, the cost to dispose of the furniture, generated by a commercial entity, is being passed on to the municipality's entire tax base, thus subsidizing a private entity.

Second, it is impossible to accurately determine whether all of the furniture delivered by commercial entities comes from within the Town or Municipality. Since there is a tipping fee of \$48.50/tonne for sorted C&D waste for non-residents, we may not be charging commercial entities appropriately.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

We have spent, on average, a little over \$16,000 the last three years on furniture and rope disposal and this year we are budgeting \$25,000 as we have accumulated a larger quantity than normal. This cost includes the trucking fees to transport the furniture to the Region of Queens Waste Management Facility and the tipping fees of \$89.82 per tonne. Also, the landfill runs, on average, a \$56,000 operating deficit.

This is notable for one facility and has an impact on our ability to invest in other services and capital projects.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications at this time.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATIONS

There has been no general community engagement in the preparation of this report.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the information contained in this report, I recommended to implement a non-residential furniture disposal fee of \$100 per tonne beginning on July 1, 2020. This would allow us the time to advise our account holders, make the necessary documentation changes and promote the new fee.

SUGGESTED MOTION

Move to begin charging a non-residential furniture disposal fee of \$100 per tonne starting July 1, 2020.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Council could direct the CAO to determine a fee structure based on a set fee per visit or load, rather than per tonne fee.
2. Council could continue with the status quo. This alternative is not recommended for the reasons outlined in this report.

ATTACHMENTS

- 18/19 Furniture Tonnage & Costs Data.

Rope & Furniture Delivered to Region of Queens
2019

Date	Ticket #	Rope (kg)	Furniture (kg)	Mixed (kg)
April-03-18	187980		3210	
April-18-18	188617	8070		
May-10-18	189750			8350
May-11-18	189804		4160	
May-15-18	190010			7380
May-23-18	190368			8460
May-25-18	190502			7430
May-31-18	190813		2960	
June-14-18	191561		3150	
June-28-18	192260			7160
July-05-18	192568			6860
July-24-18	193457		2930	
August-09-18	194170		2640	
August-17-18	194513		3110	
August-22-18	194752			6580
September-26-18	196620			6710
October-25-18	197959			6810
November-07-18	198473		3490	
November-27-18	199253		3740	
January-09-19	200984		4060	
January-21-19	201623		3910	
March-20-19	203758			7130
March-21-19	203818		3340	
		8070	40700	72870

Grand Total of all Furniture & Rope

121640 kgs
121.64

Furniture & Reps Disposal

Quick Account

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Account	Date	Debit	Credit	Source	Reference	Emp #	Trans #	Description
01-24332-020	04/04/2018	469.29	0.00	A/P INVOICE	19315	LG01	325914	HAROL002 Misc Taxable
01-24332-020	04/04/2018	469.29	0.00	A/P INVOICE	19320	LG01	325915	HAROL002 Misc Taxable
01-24332-020	04/04/2018	469.29	0.00	A/P INVOICE	19333	LG01	325913	HAROL002 Misc Taxable
01-24332-020	04/30/2018	0.00	1,407.87	JOURNAL ENTRY	20180000020	LD01	331987	to reverse J/E 325989
01-24332-020	05/14/2018	469.29	0.00	A/P INVOICE	19342	LG01	330802	HAROL002 Misc Taxable
01-24332-020	05/14/2018	450.00	0.00	A/P INVOICE	19369	LG01	330801	HAROL002 Misc Taxable
01-24332-020	06/18/2018	469.29	0.00	A/P INVOICE	19439	LG01	332583	HAROL002 Misc Taxable
01-24332-020	06/18/2018	469.29	0.00	A/P INVOICE	19441	LG01	332580	HAROL002 Misc Taxable
01-24332-020	06/18/2018	469.29	0.00	A/P INVOICE	19444	LG01	332582	HAROL002 Misc Taxable
01-24332-020	06/18/2018	1,407.86	0.00	A/P INVOICE	19473	LG01	332584	HAROL002 Misc Taxable
01-24332-020	07/19/2018	469.29	0.00	A/P INVOICE	19510	LG01	333589	HAROL002 Misc Taxable
01-24332-020	07/19/2018	469.29	0.00	A/P INVOICE	19555	LG01	333588	HAROL002 Misc Taxable
01-24332-020	08/14/2018	938.57	0.00	A/P INVOICE	19600	LG01	334367	HAROL002 Misc Taxable
01-24332-020	08/15/2018	469.29	0.00	A/P INVOICE	19659	LG01	334416	HAROL002 Misc Taxable
01-24332-020	09/17/2018	938.57	0.00	A/P INVOICE	19689	LG01	335236	HAROL002 Misc Taxable
01-24332-020	10/22/2018	469.29	0.00	A/P INVOICE	19800	LG01	337369	HAROL002 Misc Taxable
01-24332-020	11/28/2018	469.29	0.00	A/P INVOICE	19867	LG01	341307	HAROL005 Misc Taxable
01-24332-020	11/28/2018	469.29	0.00	A/P INVOICE	19910	LG01	341308	HAROL005 Misc Taxable
01-24332-020	12/14/2018	469.29	0.00	A/P INVOICE	19921	LG01	341305	HAROL005 Misc Taxable
01-24332-020	01/15/2019	469.29	0.00	A/P INVOICE	19958	LG01	341951	HAROL004 Misc Taxable
01-24332-020	01/17/2019	469.29	0.00	A/P INVOICE	20023	LG01	342859	HAROL002 Misc Taxable
01-24332-020	01/31/2019	312.86	0.00	A/P INVOICE	20011	LG01	342968	HAROL002 Misc Taxable
01-24332-020	02/01/2019	938.58	0.00	JOURNAL ENTRY	2018000137	LD01	343353	to accrue Jan 2019 payables
01-24332-020	02/07/2019	0.00	938.58	JOURNAL ENTRY	2018000137	LD01	344353	to accrue Jan 2019 payables
01-24332-020	02/07/2019	469.29	0.00	A/P INVOICE	20056	LG01	343682	HAROL002 Misc Taxable
01-24332-020	02/07/2019	469.29	0.00	A/P INVOICE	20070	LG01	343676	HAROL002 Misc Taxable
01-24332-020	03/15/2019	677.86	0.00	A/P INVOICE	211940	LG01	344738	R&TEX001 Misc Taxable
01-24332-020	03/31/2019	938.57	0.00	JOURNAL ENTRY	2019000001	LD01	346615	to record March payables
		15,050.09	2,346.45					

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Just transportation costs.